

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. 25X1

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1

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REMARKS [REDACTED] 25X1

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1. On 21 April 1952, the barracks installations in Cottbus (N 52/A 57) were vacant except for the Hermann-Loens Kaserne on Hermann-Loensstrasse. There were only rear details in these installations. About 200 troops, 4 JS-1 tanks, 3 T-34 tanks and 4 x 25-mm light AA guns were observed in the Hermann-Loens Kaserne. No motor vehicular traffic was noticed on Cottbus. (1)

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2. During the nights of 15 and 16 April, the troops in the barracks installation in Zaschendorf, 2 km east of Meissen (N 52/E 09), moved to a troop training grounds. [REDACTED] the troops moved to the Zeit-
 main (N 52/E 81) troop training grounds by road.

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3. On 18 April, billeting equipment from the Hindenburg Kaserne on Danzigerstrasse, Leipzig (N 52/E 21), was loaded on trucks [REDACTED] by soldiers wearing air force insignia and subsequently hauled to the Wiederitzsch railroad station. The billeting equipment, tank truck [REDACTED] with trailer, and caterpillar tractor [REDACTED] with trailer were loaded on five flatcars with sideracks. The number of troops in the Hindenburg Kaserne was the same as that observed during the preceding weeks. [REDACTED] (3)

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4. On 19 April, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau was vacant except for a rear detail. Vehicles seen with the outgoing troops [REDACTED] which towed 82-mm mortars [REDACTED] (4)

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5. On 20 April, six T-34/85 tanks and trucks [REDACTED] were noticed at the Flak Kaserne on Torgauerstrasse in Leipzig-Heiterblick. Troops were engaged in intensive driving practice. [REDACTED] no change had occurred in the occupation of the installation. (5)

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25X1 6. On 19 April, an unidentified number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets
25X1 with artillery insignia, 11 M-13 rocket launchers [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] 13 trucks, billeting equipment and 1 field kitchen were loaded at the
25X1 Markranstaedt (N 52/E 10) railroad station. [redacted]
25X1 On the same day, a unit was loaded
at the Ruckmarsdorf railroad station, west of Leipzig. It included: troops wearing
25X1 red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia; at least 1 M-13 rocket
25X1 25X1 launchers [redacted] and 6 trucks [redacted] with
25X1 25X1 billeting equipment; and 3 field kitchens. Other shipments on the same day were
allegedly bound for the Ohrdruf (N 51/J 15) troop training grounds. (4)

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25X1 [redacted] Comments.
25X1 (1) The departure of elements of the 9th Mecz Div to Weisswasser has been confirmed [redacted]
The present report indicates that the
bulk of the division has been at the troop training grounds since mid-April 1952.
It is possible that elements of the Hq or the tank training battalion of the 9th
Mecz Div remained at the Hermann-Loens Kaserne. 25X1
(2) It is confirmed that the components of the 9th Tank Div in the Zaschendorf Kaserne
moved to Zeithain. According to a report [redacted] the 95th Tank Regt in
the Bohmitsch Kaserne moved out between 13 and 15 April 1952. The route reportedly
was toward Riesa and Crossenbain, which was indicative of the Zeithain troop train-
ing grounds. [redacted]
25X1 (3) [redacted] the air force construction unit has been transferred
25X1 to Erfurt-Dindersleben airfield. [redacted]
25X1 (4) According to the present observations, the unidentified rocket launcher regiment
of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps was shipped on 19 April 1952. The statement that it
moved to Ohrdruf needs confirmation.
(5) It was concluded [redacted] that the 21st Gds Mecz Regt
of the 8th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Leipzig-Teitersbick was no longer at the post
on 20 April 1952. [redacted]

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